

JOHN W. BOSTON.

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Mr. OLIVER, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

ADVERSE REPORT.

[To accompany S. 403.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 403) for the relief of John W. Boston, having considered the same, beg to submit the following report:

This bill authorizes an appropriation of \$5,000 as compensation to John W. Boston for injuries received by him by the loss of his right hand and arm, which were crushed in a steam press at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing on January 7, 1896.

Upon a careful examination of the case, it appears that John W. Boston was appointed a skilled helper in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, at \$548 per annum, on December 19, 1891, at which salary he remained until September 1, 1897. On January 7, 1896, he received an injury while engaged in his work in the bureau which caused the amputation of his right arm. When he was able to return to work he was assigned to messenger duty; was promoted to \$626 per annum on September 1, 1897, to \$720 per annum on August 9, 1899; on July 1, 1904, to \$840, and on January 1, 1910, to \$900.

It is stated by the director of the bureau that Mr. Boston, had he continued in the service of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and not lost his arm, would probably never have been paid much, if any, more than at the time of his injury. The director also states that Mr. Boston's assignment as a messenger and his subsequent promotions, although he has performed his work in a most efficient manner, were in the nature of an at least quasi compensation for the injury received by him while in the service of the bureau.

In view of these facts, your committee report the bill with the recommendation that it be indefinitely postponed.

